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SUBJ: UAE FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS QATAR

- 1. UAE FOREIGN MINISTER AHMAD SUWAYDI, ACCOMPANIED BY MINISTER OF STATE FOR INTERNAL AFFAIRS HAMUDAH BIN ALI AND FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL RASHID AL ABDULLAH, MADE BRIEF VISIT TO QATAR JAN 25. DELEGATION WAS RECEIVED BY AMIR AND MINISTER OF INTERIOR, AND WAS FETED AT LUNCH HOSTED BY GOQ ACTION FOREIGN MINISTER.
- 2. IN STATEMENTS TO PRESS ABOUT PURPOSE OF VISIT, SUWAYDI PUT OUT USUAL BOILERPLATE ON REGULAR CONSULTATIONS AMONG BROTHERLY GULF STATES, IDENTITY OF VIEWS ON ALL SUBJECTS, ETC. ASKED SPECIFICALLY ABOUT OPEC, SUWAYDI REPEATED CONSULTATIONS THEME, EMPHASIZING IMPORTANCE OF CURRENT EXCHANGES OF VIEWS AMONG MEMBER STATES AS NECESSARY FOR "RESTORATION" OF OPEC UNITY.

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- 3. AT LUNCH FOR SUWAYDI WE ASKED ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER ABOUT VISIT AND HE DUTIFULLY ECHOED SUWAYDI'S STATEMENTS TO PRESS.
- 4. UAE DELEGATION WENT ON TO BAHRAIN FROM DOHA.
- 5. COMMENT: HAVING LIVED FOR A LONG PERIOD IN QATAR, SUWAYDI

IS REGARDED AS ONE OF THE BOYS HERE, AND FOR THIS REASON IS OFTEN ENTRUSTED WITH MORE DELICATE ASPECTS OF INTER-SHAYKHLY RELATIONS. PRESENCE OF UAE INTERIOR MINISTER MAY ALSO HAVE SOME SIGNIFICANCE, BUT OUR QATARI SOURCES HAVE DECLINED TO ELABORATE FURTHER THAN PRESS STATEMENTS ON VISIT. PAGANELLI

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